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Joint Resolution

July 3, 1986
[S.J. Res. 350]

To designate 1987 as the "National Year of the Americas".

Whereas the tenth Pan American games will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1987;

Whereas the games will bring together more than six thousand athletes from thirty-seven national teams from the Americas to compete in twenty-seven different sports;

Whereas the games will be the largest such gathering which brings together people from Latin America, the West Indies, Canada, and the United States;

Whereas the games will symbolize both the unity and the diversity of the Americas, as well as celebrate the lasting friendship of the peoples of the Americas;

Whereas the occasion of the games provides a unique opportunity to welcome to this country the leaders and peoples of the Americas throughout the United States; and

Whereas the year 1987 can be and should be the time for a year long celebration of the peoples and cultures of the Americas: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the year 1987 is designated as "The National Year of the Americas" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon Federal, State, and local government agencies, private organizations, and the people of the United States to observe the year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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